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Preliminary Amendment with RCE

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REMARKS

The claims submitted with the filing of the national phase application on June 28, 2001 were not the correct translation of the PCT examined claims. Therefore, the Office Action dated September 21, 2005 examined claims that were not those examined in the International Application. Therefore, all originally examined claims (claims 1-15) have been canceled and new claims 16 - 33 have been added for examination purposes.

Applicants sincerely apologize for this inconvenience and therefore file this amendment (with RCE - since this response is not responsive to the above-referenced Office Action) to correct the claims. No new matter has been added and the current claims are supported by both the original PCT and national phase applications.

The new claims (16 - 33) do reflect changes from the original PCT claims, but only to eliminate multiple dependencies and reference indicia so as to meet the requirements of the USPTO, and to improve the grammar and readability of the claims. Since these are new claims, these technical changes do not have strikethrough or underlining to indicate these changes from the International Application claims.

Also, included herewith is a Fee Sheet and postcard. Please charge \$790 to deposit account 07-0832 for the RCE fee. Also, if any additional fees are incurred on the basis of this amendment, please charge such fees against deposit account 07-0832.

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